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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2527

Introduced by Assembly Member Diaz

February 21, 2002

An act to ~~add Section 69439.3 to~~ *amend Section 69439 of the Education Code*, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2527, as amended, Diaz. Student financial aid: Cal Grant C.

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act, establishes the Cal Grant B Entitlement Program, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C Program, and the Cal Grant T Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs.

With respect to the Cal Grant C Program, the act requires that the same number of Cal Grant C awards shall be made in each academic year as were made in the 2000–01 fiscal year. The act also requires that a Cal Grant C award be used only for occupational or technical training, as defined, in a course of not less than 4 months.

This bill would, with respect to the Cal Grant C awards, authorize the commission, ~~in any fiscal year, to make a number of awards that exceeds the number of Cal Grant C awards made in the 2000–01 fiscal year by up to 80% of the number by which the number of awards made in the 2000–01 fiscal year exceeds the average number of Cal Grant C awards made in the preceding 3 fiscal years. The bill would authorize the commission to use any reasonable means, including, but not necessarily limited to, the dissemination of letters representing an amount that is beyond the statutory number of awards that may be made under the Cal Grant C program, to ensure that the maximum total amount number of Cal Grant C awards is granted each fiscal year. The bill would specify that its provisions not be construed to authorize the commission to grant more awards in any fiscal year than may be funded by the amount appropriated for this purpose in the Budget Act for that fiscal year.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 69439.3 is added to the Education Code,~~
- 2 *SECTION 1. Section 69439 of the Education Code is*
- 3 *amended to read:*
- 4 ~~69439. (a) Commencing with the 2001–02 academic year,~~
- 5 ~~and each academic year thereafter, a (1) A Cal Grant C award shall~~
- 6 ~~be utilized only for occupational or technical training in a course~~
- 7 ~~of not less than four months. There shall be the same number of Cal~~
- 8 ~~Grant C awards each year as were made in the 2000–01 fiscal year.~~
- 9 ~~The maximum award amount and the total amount of funding shall~~
- 10 ~~be determined each year in the annual Budget Act.~~
- 11 *(2) The commission may use any reasonable means to ensure*
- 12 *that the total number of awards authorized under this article is*
- 13 *granted each fiscal year.*
- 14 *(b) “Occupational or technical training” means that phase of*
- 15 *education coming after the completion of a secondary school*
- 16 *program and leading toward recognized occupational goals*
- 17 *approved by the commission.*
- 18 *(c) The commission may use criteria it deems appropriate in*
- 19 *selecting students with occupational talents to receive grants for*
- 20 *occupational or technical training.*

(d) The Cal Grant C recipients shall be eligible for renewal of their grants until they have completed their occupational or technical training in conformance with terms prescribed by the commission. In no case shall the grants exceed two calendar years.

(e) Cal Grant C awards shall be for institutional fees, charges, and other costs, including tuition, plus training-related costs, such as special clothing, local transportation, required tools, equipment, supplies, and books. In determining the amount of grants and training-related costs, the commission shall take into account other state and federal programs available to the applicant.

(f) Cal Grant C awards shall be awarded in areas of occupational or technical training as determined by the commission after consultation with appropriate state and federal agencies.

to read:

~~69439.3. (a) Notwithstanding the provision of subdivision (a) of Section 69439 that requires that there shall be the same number of Cal Grant C awards each year as were made in the 2000-01 fiscal year, the commission may, in any fiscal year, make a number of awards that exceeds the number referenced in subdivision (a) of Section 69439 by up to 80 percent of the number by which the referenced number exceeds the average number of Cal Grant C awards made in the preceding three fiscal years.~~

~~(b) The commission may use any reasonable means, including, but not necessarily limited to, the dissemination of letters representing an amount that is beyond the statutory number of awards that may be made under this section, to ensure that the maximum amount of awards authorized by this article is granted each fiscal year.~~

~~(c) This section shall not be construed to authorize the commission to grant more awards in any fiscal year than may be funded by the amount appropriated for this purpose in the Budget Act for that fiscal year.~~